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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

PRIME MINISTER HECKLED.

BY TRADE UNIONISTS.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

Mr. Lloyd George, after his speech
on the Man-Power question to the
representatives of the Trade Unions,
invited and answered a number of
questions regarding the advisability
of negotiating with the Germans
when the latter were alleged to be
whining and squealing for peace.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that the
Germans were always ready for peace
at their own price, which we were
not prepared to pay. The moment
the Germans show a disposition to
negotiate on equitable terms, there
would be no reluctance to negotiate.

Asked whether or not the best way
of ascertaining the opinion of the
German people was to allow British
representatives to meet representa-
tives of other Powers at Stockholm
or elsewhere, the Premier replied by
pointing out that the German repre-
sentatives would be chosen by the
Government.

A Delegate: Not necessarily.

Mr. Lloyd George: You can only
make peace with a Government. If
that Government does not represent
the people of Germany let them
change it, and if this Government
does not represent the people of this
country they can change it.

A Delegate: Give us the opportu-
nity.

Mr. Lloyd George: We have given
you the best opportunity in the
Franchise Bill, by adding 8,000,000
to the electorate. You can have the
opportunity any time you like. The
Government does not shrink from it.

A voice: On the new register?

Mr. Lloyd George: The new regis-
ter is not ready. Do you want an
election on the old register?—(Chorus
of "No.")—Very well.

The Premier was considerably
heckled regarding the objections to
an international workers' conference,
apart from the Governments, and he
reiterated that all the Allies and
America had agreed that negotia-
tions could only be conducted by the
representatives of the Governments
and by no sections of the people.

Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the
difficulty of deciding when it was
desirable to enter a peace conference
without putting our heads into a
noose. He was convinced that a
conference at present would aggravate
and not improve matters.

A delegate asked whether Presi-
dent Wilson's reference to the free-
dom of the seas accorded with the
views of the British Government?

The Premier replied, emphasising
that Britain was in a very different
position from America or any con-
tinental country. We must guard
very carefully against any attempt
to interfere with our capacity to
protect our shores, shipping, and
overseas communications.

A delegate asked what was meant
by reconsideration of the position of
Alsace-Lorraine?

The Premier replied that the
British people would stand by
France, who considered peace im-
possible till the question of Alsace-
Lorraine was settled.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ENEMY ATTACK ON A WIDE FRONT
ARRESTED.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

An Italian official message states:
Our artillery arrested an attack
on a wide front, at the bridgehead
at Caporetto.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A British official report from the
Italian Front says:—

During the past week flying has
been possible only on two days. We
destroyed six aeroplanes without loss
to ourselves.

There has been active artillery
work and patrols daily.

A BIG FIRE.

An Italian official message says
the British batteries caused a big fire
to the south of Sarnaglia.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

"NOTHING INTERESTING."

LONDON, Jan. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
states there is nothing interesting to
report.

"DRASTIC CHANGES."

LONDON, Jan. 19.

The Times states that Field-
Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is making
drastic changes, including the ap-
pointment of Sir Herbert Lawrence,
as his Chief of Staff.

GERMAN TROOPS TRANSFERRED AFTER THE ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Reuter learns from statements
made by German deserters regarding
the movements of German troops
from the East Front to the West
Front, that it is clear that both the
81st and 42nd Divisions were trans-
ferred from the East after the
armistice was signed.

OSTEND BOMBARDED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A German official report by wire-
less states that Ostend has been
bombarded from the sea.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 20.

The newspaper "Les Nouvelles"
states that the Belgian province of
Limburg is filled with Austrian troops
who arrived last week.

AUSTRIAN MUNITION WORKERS ON STRIKE.

ZURICH, Jan. 20.

Telegrams state that the munition
workers in Vienna and in many pro-
vincial towns in Austria have struck,
ostensibly owing to the reduction of
the Austrian flour ration, but the
movement is also said to have a pro-
peace and anti-German character.

BRITAIN'S ASSURANCES TO SWITZERLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Reuter learns that Great Britain
has informed Switzerland that the
Government desires to reaffirm the
treaties and declarations of 1815 and
to assure the Swiss Government that
in conjunction with the United States
and France, they respect the integrity
and neutrality of Switzerland for so
long as they are maintained by the
Federal Government, and respect for
the wishes of Great Britain.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20.

The Melbourne Age states that
Mr. Hughes may become High Com-
missioner in London, and that Mr.
Fisher is possibly going to Washing-
ton as the Commonwealth's first
representative there.

Sydney, Jan. 20.

The State Gazette has decided to
hold a conference on Friday 27th
concerning the situation of affairs in
the Pacific.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
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Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

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Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

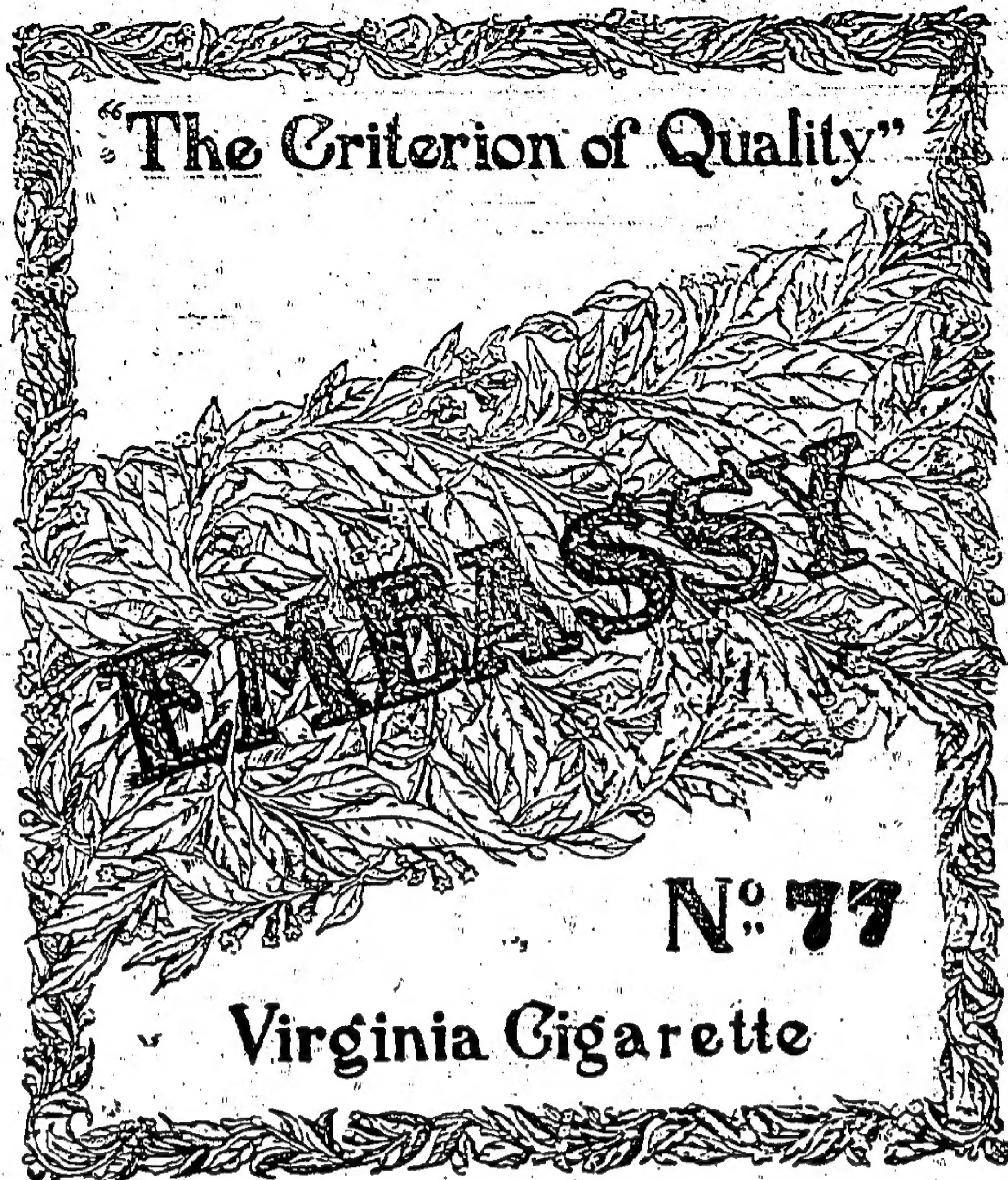
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Two years ago England produced the big Handley Page machine, and about the same time the Germans were experimenting with large high-powered aeroplanes. The Caproni, also, has been before the world for about two years. If there has been slowness to take full advantage of these machines, other countries than England have been to blame. The fact is, the slowness has been largely due to unpreventable circumstances, although England, having the best of the machines mentioned, and possessing greater manufacturing resources, is more definitely open to the criticism of having neglected an opportunity.

SMALL BOMBING CRAFT.
As before contended here, the failure was due in some measure to the fact that our aerial arm has been controlled by sailors and soldiers, and regarded as merely a new factor in sea or land hostilities. We needed a separate department to deal justly with the new instrument of war provided by the big aeroplanes which, because of the great destructive force it can bring to bear at long ranges, is entitled to be considered as a strategic arm.

It is no disparagement to our Service authorities to say that they acted short of the possibilities. To them the aeroplane was little more than an aerial motor car; and no one has ever suggested that the advent of the motor-car called for the creation of a new Ministerial Department. In the result, all that happened was that the Navy and the Army went in for aeroplanes as auxiliary to the sailor's and soldier's work, as hitherto understood.

Further, the bombing operations of the first two and a-half years of the war by comparatively small craft were neither heavy nor persistent enough to have any

great value. And the big machine, until two years ago, was not a great success, whilst certain authorities claimed that there was an obstacle to size-development, owing to constructional difficulties. It would probably be wise to refrain from mere speculation as to future development in size. On the other hand, to frame our aerial policy on the assumption that there will be no development at all would be to repeat past mistakes. There certainly will be both increase in size and improvement, and these will come swiftly. Doubtless there is an absolute limit somewhere ahead, but that need not occupy our minds yet. We are within the mark in assuming that a machine carrying a ton of bombs a total air-distance of 700 or 800 miles is immediately possible. An alternative load might be thirty passengers for 500 miles.

INVASION BY AEROPLANE.
Before coming to the latter point, however, it is well to remark, in a few words, that bombing craft carrying machine guns, flying in formation by day at a height of 11,000 or 12,000 feet, and protected by a mosquito fleet of fighting craft, can carry on their operations without excessive casualties; and that by night, flying in a different order, they scarcely need an escort.

The present British type of bomber can carry a magazine of three-quarters of a ton a total air-distance of 500 miles. That means that the Rhine war factories are within range. No doubt, by carrying a small bomb load Berlin itself would be attainable; but it would scarcely be worth while.

But to regard the big aeroplane merely as long-range artillery would be absurd. There is another and possibly even more important function for it. In sufficient numbers, such machines could carry a considerable force of men and machine guns very swiftly and unexpectedly to seize some point, or, perhaps, effect some operation consolidating the work previously accomplished by wholesale aerial bombardment.

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The whole question of the aerial arm needs to be tackled independently. In these days fleets are not commanded by soldiers as in Armada times. Controlling the aerial arm by the heads either of naval or of army aviation is much the same thing as if we put the Royal Engineers, because they build bridges of boats, at the head of the Grand Fleet.

INLAND TOWNS AS AERIAL PORTS.
That is the chief reason for the creation of an Air Ministry, which could deal with vehicles of the air as a new arm operating in its own element and capable of delivering staggering blows quite apart from any land or sea operations at the moment in progress. The ocean of air is a true expression, and it means that every inch of an enemy's territory is coast, and every inland town an aerial port. War thus really does take on a new aspect now that means to navigate the air have been found. Air power is a thing apart. We need an Air Service controlled independently of Navy and Army; and that does not imply, as an opponent of this development has argued, that it would be in charge of politicians!

If such a Department of the Air had been in existence, the potentiality of the big aeroplane would have been seen, and the question of fighting Germany through the air would have been dealt with as a whole. This would not mean that the aerial routine of battle would no longer be under the control of Sir Douglas Haig. At sea Germany really can only injure us by attacking from below. We can only strike at Germany itself from above. Surely the advent of a satisfactory big aeroplane ought immediately to have been followed by a reconsideration of the whole problem of aerial war and by the establishment of an Air War Office—London "Observer."

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GRAVE SITUATION IN PETROGRAD.

FEARS OF BANGUARY FIGHTING.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.

The gravest apprehensions are

entertained as regards the outcome

of events to-morrow.

A considerable number of the

Pro-Constitutionists, and it is feared

that any collision will be of the most

sanguinary character.

The Commissioners are drafting in

3,000 sailors from Kronstadt and

Helsingfors for the purpose of post-
ing them in the vicinity of the

Tauride Palace, where the Constitu-
ent Assembly is holding a meeting.

The few Ukraine delegates who

are participating in the opening will

read a declaration favouring the

formation of a Federal Republic and

then leave the Capital.

BOLSHEVIKS THREATEN RUTH-
LESS SUPPRESSION OF

OPPOSITION.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.

The Bolsheviks have issued a

proclamation that they will ruth-
lessly suppress any opposition from

whatever quarter. The Pro-Con-
stitutionist demonstrators are de-
scribed as enemies of the people who

are striving to bring about the down-
fall of the Soviets. Workmen and sol-
diers are ordered to abstain from the

demonstrations.

On the other hand, nine Pro-
Constitutionist processions are being

organised for a March past the

Tauride Palace. They have called

on the workmen of Petrograd not

to permit assaults on the process-
ions.

The Simeonofsky Guards have

declared in favour of the Constitu-
tents and the Garrison of the fortress of

St. Peter and St. Paul in favour of

the Bolsheviks.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM IN

RUSSIA.

RAILWAYS IN THE POWER OF

MOBS.

London, Jan. 18.

The People's Commissaries an-
nounce the stoppage of main line

passenger trains on numerous rail-
ways from January 20 to February

2, owing to the urgency of transport-
ing food to the front and to Moscow

and Petrograd.

A Russian message received by

wireless states that the People's

Commissaries of Food and Com-
munications draw attention to the

disorders and excesses at railway

stations committed by soldiers and

others. They declare that the rail-
ways are in the power of mobs. This

state of anarchy has disorganised

the transport service, preventing

supplies being sent to the starving

regions and to the Armies. They

summon the Councils to take the

most drastic measures to establish

order.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE USUAL ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

London, Jan. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports the usual artillery activity

in the neighbourhoods of Lens and

Ypres.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

CAPTURES BY ITALIANS.

London, Jan. 18.

An Italian official message states:

We captured on 14th, 15th, and 16th

inst. 491 prisoners, as well as 18

machine guns and two bomb throwers.

RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

GERMANY REJECTS RUSSIAN
PROPOSALS.

London, Jan. 18.

A wireless message states that the

Central Powers have rejected the

Russian proposals cabled on January

15th, and have refused to withdraw

their troops from the occupied terri-
tories during the war.

The Central Powers agree to the

peoples in the territories concerned

voting through elected bodies, but

regard a referendum as imprac-
ticable.

GERMANS ACCUSED BY RUSSIANS
OF MISREPRESENTATIONS.

London, Jan. 19.

A Russian message by wireless

states that Mr. Trotsky, in a pro-
clamation, accuses the Germans of

misrepresenting the Brest-Litovsk

proceedings with the intention of

misleading the German public.

RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM TO
RUMANIA.

RELATIONS REACHED A
DANGEROUS PITCH.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.

Relations between the Bolsheviks

and Rumania have reached a danger-
ous pitch.

The Revolutionary Committee of

the XIII Russian Army has sent to

Rumania a two-hour ultimatum

demanding the free passage of

Russian troops through Jassy (the

present capital of Rumania).

KING OF RUMANIA'S PERIL.

Petrograd, Jan. 18.

It is confirmed that the People's

Commissaries have ordered the

arrest of the King of Rumania.

THE RUMANIANS AND THE
BOLSHEVIKS.

THE PLOT TO SEIZE THE
RUMANIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

London, Jan. 18.

The Rumanian authorities inform

Reuter that the Bolsheviks ultimatum

refers to the ringleaders of a

Bolshevik plot to seize the Rumanian

Royal family and members of

the Government and to assassinate

General Tcherbachoff. The latter

captured the ringleaders, whilst the

Rumanian Army disarmed 15,000

Bolshevik irregulars. The Rumanians

have carefully refrained from

fighting the Bolsheviks, but will not

tolerate any action by foreign troops

in Rumania against a Rumanian

Royal Family, the Government or

the people. Rumanian divisions are

now watching Russian deserters,

who are pillaging and burning villages

in Rumania. The King of Rumania

and his family are still at Jassy.

The Rumanians are most loyal to

them and the Allies.

FOOD CONTROL IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

CAUSE FOR ANXIETY BUT NOT
ALARM.

London, Jan. 18.

Lord Rhonda, the Food Control-

ler speaking at the Aldwych Club,

said the great difficulty was due to

falling imports and the necessity of

feeding the Army from these. We

had reached the stage where the

Germans were two years ago. He

was endeavouring to secure equality

of sacrifice. The meat consumption

in the next few months must be

considerably reduced. There was no

prospect of a meat famine, there

being only 6 per cent. less cattle in

the country compared with the

figures for June last year. There

was cause for anxiety but not alarm.

As regards bread supplies, the bread

would be darker in future. When

compulsory rationing came in the

consumer would get 60 per cent.

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the complaints of extravagance in

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had reduced consumption

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Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS have been appointed Secretaries and Treasurer to the Club as from the 10th January instant.

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current season are requested to make payment to Messrs. Linsted & Davis who are hereby authorized to collect all monies due to the Club and will in future disburse funds in settlement of accounts owing. Messrs. Linsted & Davis will issue to Members and Members' Ladies, Tickets of admission to the grand stand and enclosure and will be in charge of the sale of Admission Tickets for the general public which may be obtained as heretofore from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited, at the gate on Race Day.

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Agents.
Hongkong, Jan. 21, 1918.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9 p.m.—Court Cards at the Theatre.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture, &c., at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

Monday, Jan. 28.—
3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of St. George's Society.

Tuesday, Jan. 29.—
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
Company Meetings:
11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co.
11.45—Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.
12 noon—Hongkong Land Investment Co.
12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.

Thursday, Jan. 31.—
None—Presiding at the Diocesan School by H. H. The Governor.

Friday, Feb. 1.—
None—Presiding at Bellows Public School.

Saturday, Feb. 2.—
None—Presiding at Queen's College.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day in the old Chinese calendar is the day of "Great Cold," but it has by no means been the coldest day of the season.

The China Mail S.S. Co.'s s.s. China left Shanghai yesterday morning and is due here to-morrow morning, the 22nd inst.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. Pollock are to present the prizes at St. Joseph's College on Saturday next.

Two grand concerts by the famous Russian musicians MM. H. Mirovitch (piano) and M. Piatro (violin) are announced for February 2nd and 7th.

The first list of amounts collected at a Children's Grand Fete at Singapore in aid of the Tientsin Flood Relief Fund shows a total of \$19,136.44.

There will be a meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union in the Helena May Institute to-morrow (Tuesday), at 5.30 p.m. Rev. G. E. S. Updell will conduct the meeting.

Mr. H. C. Sandford having resigned the post of Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which he has held for many years, Messrs. Linsted and Davis have been appointed Secretaries and Treasurers.

Another company of entertainers is due in Hongkong shortly. Mr. A. Stroz, who is managing the tour of the famous Russian instrumentalists, is bringing to the Colong House Goldin and his Company. Goldin is an illusionist of the first rank, and in Manila his entertainments have attracted crowded houses at the Grand Opera House. The Company will open a season at the Victoria Theatre on the 29th inst.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A rumour is current in the Colony to the effect that the Rev. Bishop Foxton has been kidnapped in Canton and held for ransom. On enquiry at the Roman Catholic Seminary this morning we learn that the story is not true, the Bishop being delayed in Canton on urgent business. His Lordship will not return until next month.

The death took place at No. 1, The Albany, on Saturday, January, 19th of Mrs. C. Danenberg, wife of Mr. C. Danenberg, an old servant of Messrs. Reiss & Co. of Hongkong, who retired from that firm on pension about eight years ago. Mrs. Danenberg would have completed her 55th wedding anniversary on the following day. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. There were many floral tributes amongst which were to be seen tributes from the partners of Messrs. Reiss Brothers (Manchester), Messrs. L. Reiss Bros & Co. (London), Messrs. Reiss & Co. (Hongkong), and the Hon. and Mrs. P. H. Holyoake.

ANOTHER MURDER.

SANITARY BOARD COOLIE STABBED IN WESTERN MARKET.

A very daring murder took place at the Western Market on Saturday last. It appears that while a Sanitary Board coolie was at work in the market about seven o'clock that evening, a man came up to him from behind, and, producing a dagger, stabbed him, inflicting two grievous wounds, one in the back and the other on the hip. The murderer having accomplished his dastardly deed made his escape. An ambulance was called and the unfortunate man taken to the Government Civil Hospital. The wounds received, however, were fatal, the man expiring soon after his entry into the hospital.

As the result of Police investigation, we learn that five men have been arrested in connection with the murder. It has been disclosed in cases that have been heard at the Magistracy during the past few months that man have provided themselves with daggers for fuction fights in which Sanitary Department coolies have been involved, and the present case is thought to be an outcome of one of these quarrels.

STRAIGHT AS IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We must get well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE LOSS OF THE "LAERTES."

A CLAIM OF A MILLION DOLLARS CONCERNED.

At the concluding day of the inquiry at Singapore into the loss of the Hongkong ship Laertes, Captain Jenkyns, master of the Laertes, was recalled by the court to give further evidence.

The President: You heard the evidence given by your chief and second officers?—Well, I was so disgusted I walked out.

But you know what the evidence was?—Yes.

The President: The point we want cleared is this: The chief officer said he took a four point bearing at 11.50 a.m. and made a note on the slate of the time and the distance. If you work that out with the second bearing taken at 1.25 a.m. it makes a distance of 14 1/2 or 15 miles.

Witness: He could not have got that bearing at the time we passed Pulau Udan.

The President: Have you any note of the time the bearing of Pulau Pisang was taken?—It was taken by the second officer at 1.30.

Mr. Elliot: I strongly object to that. He told us himself that the chief officer took it.

Witness: If I said that, I meant that the second officer took it. Mr. Elliot: He said the chief officer took the four point bearing and the second officer took the beam bearing.

The President, referring to the notes, said witness's previous statement was that the chief officer took the four point bearing.

Witness: Well, I made a mistake. The President: You made a mistake and the chief officer and the second officer made mistakes too? What I want to point out is this: The chief officer took the first bearing and the second officer took the second bearing. That is certainly borne out by the evidence of the two officers concerned.

Mr. Elliot: Surely the evidence must stand as it is. This man cannot try to explain what is not explainable. I am going to argue that a bearing was never taken at all.

Mr. Everist remarked that a claim involving \$1,000,000 was concerned. Mr. Carter: That is a matter which will be argued in another court.

The President (to witness): Did you see a bearing on the blackboard?—Witness was understood to reply that he saw a bearing, but it was written by the second officer.

After Counsel for both sides had addressed the Court, the hearing was adjourned sine die, the President pointing out that the case was a complicated one which would take a long time to consider.

ST. JOHN'S HALL OF THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

The second annual dinner in connection with St. John's Hall (Hongkong University) was held on Friday evening last when 80 students and friends assembled. The Warden (Rev. C. B. Shan) presided, and the guests included the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. J. R. Wood, Professors Hinton and Earle, Messrs. Marley and Redmond, Rev. G. E. S. Updell and others.

The Bishop, in proposing "St. John's Hall," said he believed the first steps for the promotion of St. John's Hall were taken in Liverpool just after Sir F. Lugard had mooted the idea of the Hongkong University. The Bishop's friends were invited to contribute to the building of the Hostel which Sir Frederick had suggested to the Church Missionary Society might very well be opened to extend the influence amongst their students from St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Colleges. The result had been the beginning of an effort which had resulted in the completion of their present building. He would remind them of the very keen interest Sir F. Lugard took in that Hall and how he felt it would have a very important part to play and be an integral part of the University.

In fact Sir Frederick went to Liverpool and spoke at a very large public meeting in the interest of St. John's Hall. The Bishop thought the Hall had been extremely fortunate in the gentlemen who had been appointed by the C.M.S. to be Warden, from a place required a man of excellent qualifications and of great fortune. In their present Warden who was doing an excellent work. Reference was made to the Rev. E. W. L. Martin who for a time had been Acting-Warden and who had now gone to render service to his country in the present great conflict.

China, the Bishop said, needed men of good education and men of fixed principles; men also of high integrity and he believed that St. John's Hall was doing no small part in training such men for the welfare of the country and the good of the world. (Applause.)

The Rev. C. B. Shan replied. The toast of the visitors was submitted in happy vein by Mr. Tay Gun Tin and replied to in a humorous speech by Professor Hinton. During the evening Chinese and European music was submitted and much enjoyed. Mr. Faulkner was responsible for an effective lighting scheme.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ROBBERIES WITH VIOLENCE.

The Criminal Sessions were opened this morning before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

Mok Fung Kin pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more. The Crown Solicitor prosecuted and the accused was undefended.

The jurymen were—Messrs. W. E. Rose F. J. Taylor, A. A. Alves, J. Walker E. H. Botelho, F. Laurie, and J. P. Davaras.

The Crown Solicitor, outlining the case, said that the prisoner was charged with robbery together with another man, not in custody, on December 5th last. The complainant in the case was on his way from Tai Tan Tuk to Shau-ki-wan, on December 5th, and stopped at a tea house for refreshment. He then proceeded on his way and when he had gone a short distance he was attacked from behind by two men. There was a struggle and the three men rolled down the hill together. The complainant attempted to blow his whistle, but did not succeed. He, however, got the accused underneath him. The other man, not in custody, held complainant by the neck. The complainant happened to have a revolver on him which he drew and fired and the bullet hit prisoner. He also got the accused's finger in his mouth which he bit. The two men then ran away and the complainant reported what had happened to the police, who eventually arrested the accused, who was found to have a finger injured and also a bullet wound. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and a bullet was extracted from his right side. Evidence would be called to show that this bullet was the same as the bullets used by the complainant.

The Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital then gave evidence of operating on the accused and extracting the bullet produced in Court.

In reply to His Lordship, witness stated that had the bullet struck the accused on his left side, it would have killed him.

The Armourer-Sergeant of the H. K. D. C. and of the Police, then identified the bullet as like those used for an automatic pistol.

The complainant then gave evidence of a attack.

After hearing further evidence the jury found the accused guilty.

Asked if he had anything to say the accused said:—I did not do it.

His Lordship, addressing the accused said:—You have been found guilty on very clear evidence of a serious attempt to commit robbery with violence.

It is a fortunate thing for the prosecutor that you heard people coming and you ran away, for it is extremely likely that two ruffians of your class would have used his revolver on him. I take into consideration the fact that you had no dangerous weapons on you and I shall give you a much less sentence than I should otherwise have done. But you used violence; held the man down; and clearly intended to rob him. You did not do so single-handed; you had another man to help you. The sentence of the Court is that you go to prison for four years, with hard labour, and will receive eight strokes of the cat.

Chu Ying, alias Cha Hing, pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery, by two or more, with violence.

The Crown Solicitor, outlining the case, said that the accused was charged with robbery, together with another man, not in custody, on December 31st. It appeared that two women were on their way to their village. They stopped at a tea house where they saw two men resting. They resumed their journey and shortly after the two men caught them up and proceeded to rob them. The women gave information to the police and the accused was subsequently arrested and was identified by the women later.

The complainants then gave evidence of the robbery and after hearing further evidence the jury found the accused guilty, and his Lordship passed a sentence of four years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cat.

Fung Nam Wing, Ku Lo, Fung Yeung Fong, Lam, Yau, Fung Tak and Wong Kim Yuk were charged with robbery with violence.

The second, third and fourth accused pleaded guilty while the first, fifth and sixth accused pleaded not guilty.

Opening the case for the prosecution, the Crown Solicitor said he would with His Lordship's permission add a charge of "receiving" to the indictment against the three accused. The prisoners were charged with robbery by two or more, and also with larceny. The robbery took place on December 19th at a small village called Mang Fong, Miu Woo, on Lan Tai Island. The village consisted of two houses, one occupied by a man and the other by his sister-in-law. On the evening of December 19th, about 11 o'clock, the women were awakened by dogs barking. Her door was broken open and at least two men went in to the house. They threatened with chopsticks the woman and also her sister-in-law and some children. They ransacked the place and stole a number of articles some of which were subsequently found in the prisoners' house, and later on identified by the complainants. The accused also went to the other house, but the man managed to get away with his wife, through the back door. Information was given to the police and the six accused were eventually arrested. A hoe was noticed and had the appearance of having recently been used, and this led to the discovery of the feathers of some chickens and other articles buried near the house of the accused which were identified as some of the property stolen.

Evidence was then taken, after which the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

THE MAGISTRACY.

THEFT FROM KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

A dirt-looking coolie was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the theft of two iron pile heads from the Kowloon railway station.

An Indian watchman said that yesterday he saw the defendant, whom he had previously ordered off the premises, attempting to leave the station carrying in his hands two iron pile heads. Witness arrested defendant and on enquiry where the articles were stolen from, witness was shown a spot where a quantity of pile heads were heaped.

Defendant said that the articles had been given him by another man who instructed him to convey them to Hongkong.

Mr. A. Blyth, permanent way inspector of the Kowloon Canton Railway, said that owing to the frequent occurrences of thefts lately they had a case in court as lately as three weeks ago—the Railway administration had to reorganize the Indian watchmen system.

Mr. Wood sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

VAIN ENDEAVOURS.

A Chinese was charged on remand with the theft of a suit clothes from No. 40, Temple Street, Tsimshui. It was stated that at the time of his arrest, the defendant was wearing the stolen suit.

Defendant claimed the suit as his property alleging that it had been made for him by a tailor.

Defendant's wife, who was called to give evidence, tried to shield her husband. She said that the suit of clothes had been picked up in the street. Her husband had not made any new suits lately.

Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

UNLAWFUL PAWNING.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with unlawfully pawning a gold chain.

The facts of the case were that a Chinese sent a gold chain to a jeweller for repairs, the jeweller gave the chain to one of the defendants who is a goldsmith, to make the necessary repairs, and the latter being "hard up" handed the chain to a friend, the other defendant, with instructions to pawn it. When this man was about to pawn the chain, Sergeant Ingham, who was inspecting a pawnshop, asked him whose chain it was. No satisfactory explanation being forthcoming, he was arrested. The goldsmith was arrested later.

Defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to one month's hard labour each.

EXPORTING SILVER DOLLARS.

What was characterized as a deliberate attempt to export silver dollars, was related before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning when a Chinese was charged.

It was stated that the defendant who was employed as a cook on board the s.s. Hsiao On was stopped on the wharf as he was returning to the steamer. He refused to be searched, declaring that he had nothing on him. He was then taken to the Police Station and a search was made which revealed a specially made girdle tied around defendant's waist containing 390 silver dollars.

Mr. Dyer Ball ordered the money to be confiscated, and fined the defendant \$100 or one month's hard labour in default of payment.

SMUGGLER FINED.

Revenue Inspector Langton charged a Chinese before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with smuggling ten cartons and Chinese tobacco from Kowloon and also with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of lottery tickets.

The Inspector stated that there had been frequent cases of smuggling lately and only a few days ago the revenue officers made a haul of over 150,000 cigarettes.

Defendant who pleaded guilty was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour on both counts.

AN OLD STORY.

A Chinese pleaded guilty before Mr. Wood this morning to the charge of being in unlawful possession of eleven bags of opium drugs at Connaught Road Central.

Defendant stated that a parcel containing the drug had been given him to carry by a friend. He claimed to be quite ignorant of the contents of the parcel.

Mr. Wood disbelieved the man's story and fined him \$75, with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

LIMITED.

The Directors of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. will recommend at the annual meeting of shareholders, the following distribution of profits:

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| To pay a dividend of \$6.00 per share of \$500,000.00 | |
| To pay a bonus of \$4.00 per share of 240,000.00 | |
| To write off Launches, Lighters, Wharfs, &c. | 188,540.43 |
| To carry forward | 275,165.29 |
| | \$1,000,000.00 |

SIX cases of enteric fever were notified in the Colony last week—the Japanese, one Indian, and the rest Chinese. Two cases of diphtheria, nine cases of dysentery, and five diphtheria were also notified. Five diphtheria were also notified.

COMPANY REPORTS.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The Twenty-ninth Report of the Board of Directors of this Company is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Net Profit for that period amount to \$363,067.93 which with \$40,536.40 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$403,604.33. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.30 per share has already been paid.

It is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Managing Directors' Fees there remains a balance of \$28,189.55 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellim having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. H. P. White and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire and offer themselves for re-election.

C. E. ANTON,
Chairman.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

The fourth report of the Board of Directors of this Company is as follows:—Gentlemen.

The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Net Profit for that period amount to \$84,927.57 which with \$11,119.57 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$96,047.14.

It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of \$7.00 per share absorbing \$70,000.00 and to carry forward the balance \$26,047.14 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Mr. V. Noble having left the colony the Rev. Father Robert was invited to join the Board in his place.

Hon. Mr. David Lando and Hon. Mr. E. Shellim have resigned Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton and Mr. A. H. Compton were appointed in their place. These appointments now require confirmation.

Rev. Father Robert now retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

C. P. CHATER,
Chairman.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Twenty-ninth Report of the General Agents is as follows:—Gentlemen.—The General Agents now submit to you a Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Net Profit for the year amount to \$75,009.87 which with \$5,888.87 the amount brought forward from the previous year makes an amount available for division of \$80,898.74. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.00 per share has already been paid, and it is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$4.00 per share making a total Dividend for the twelve months of \$6.00 per share and to carry forward the balance \$3,698.74 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and Mr. A. O. Lang now retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires, and offers himself for re-election.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The Sixteenth Report of the Board of Directors is as follows:—Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Net Profit for the year amount to \$41,794.12 which with \$647,037.42 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$688,831.54. It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of 7% on the paid up Capital, after providing for which there remains a balance of \$633,205.54 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellim having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. H. Compton now retire, and offer themselves for re-election

